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## WIND GENERATION IMPACT FEE

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to clarify the wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units and school districts.

**WHEREAS**, an owner of operator of a wind generation facility used for a commercial purpose is subject to an initial local governmental and local school impact fee for the first three years after construction of the wind generation facility begins. The impact fee of 0.5% is to be paid each year for three years.

**WHEREAS**, the current law leaves the law open to interpretation and dispute because it does not clarify the intent that the 0.5% impact fee is to be paid each year for three years.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Montana Association of Counties shall seek legislation to clarify that the wind generation facility impact fee of 0.5% is to be paid each year for three years.

SPONSOR:	Wheatland County
RECOMMENDATION:	Do Pass
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